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From: Dennis Ruddy
Sent: Wed 8/12/2015 5:38:24 AM
Subject: Re: Animas River spill

Hi Bonnie,

Things are going decent with me, considering my advanced age. Just wishing again that August would flow a little faster after a blistering June and hot July. But the cool-down should start right after Labor Day. I'll be visiting relatives in PA in September. Finally, airfares are dropping at the end of August.

New construction continues on the Strip. The Riviera is now closed and will be imploded. The land will be used for convention center expansion. A new \$3B resort is being built on the north end of the Strip. Record visitor counts are being broken. There is a new trend for the big casinos to build shops outdoors on their properties. Ballys, New York New York, and the Monte Carlo have already done this. The old Sahara was sold and overhauled, now called the SLS. Residential building is cautiously getting underway again.

My dog is 13 1/2 yrs now. He has mild arthritis but serious diabetes. Two insulin injections per day. Overall, he still has a good quality of life with his medications. But I can't take him on hiking trips anymore, so I leave him behind in the kennel on my longer trips.

Yes, I've been following the mining disaster in the paper. But no explanation yet of the exact cause of the breach. I'm guessing there's more to the story than we may ever learn. What a tragedy when it hits Lake Powell.

Hope you are well and still enjoying your job. Next year's elections and the effects on government will be interesting.

Dennis

On 8/11/2015 9:39 AM, Robinson, Bonnie wrote:

Hi Dennis,

How are things in Vegas? Are you following the abandoned gold mine tailings spill (3 million gal and counting) in the Animas River near Durango-Silverton, Colorado? It breaks my heart – one of the most scenic parts of the state. Apparently EPA and contractors were inspecting the site prior to starting pump and treat operations, and some kind of “mistake” happened. We only see what's in the media.

It's headed for Lake Powell and the Grand Canyon!!!! Horrible mess!!

<http://www.cnn.com/2015/08/10/us/animas-river-toxic-spill-colorado/index.html>

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